(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) to what extent steps have been taken to improve the profit by AIR?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) AIR has recorded a rise in revenue during 2001-02, over the previous year's revenue.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that in order to increase revenue, they have opened marketing units at Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Delhi to market their airtime. All India Radio has opened new FM channels, which have attracted good listenership and commercial revenue.

**Empowering SHOs against Cable Operators**

36. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to empower local Station House Officer or Sub-Inspector of Police to take action against cable operators including seizure of assets in case the operator does not telecast D.D., D.D. National, D.D. Metro and D.D. Bharati on Prime Band;

(b) whether Government have found that compliance of Government orders regarding telecasting of DD Channels is very low; and

(c) whether empowerment of such low ranking Police Officials would be effective?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Cable Networks Regulation Act, 1995 provides for Authorized Officers, which include District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Commissioner of Police, within their local limits of jurisdiction, and other officers notified by Central Government or State Governments to take action, against Cable Operators for violations of the provisions of the Act. It is the constant endeavour of Prasar Bharati to obtain compliance of the provisions of the Act, with regard to compulsory transmission of the notified Doordarshan Channels. Although instances of non-compliance

have come to notice, Doordarshan is carrying out an awareness campaign to make people aware of their rights. The Government is also taking up the matter with State Governments to ensure that the notified officers ensure compliance by Cable Operators in this regard. Doordarshan has informed that they are meeting Cable Operators at regular intervals to monitor the Doordarshan channels being carried by the Cable Operators.

**Introduction of News and Current Affairs Channel on Radio**

37. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a twenty-four hour news and current affairs channel on radio, either AM/FM or both; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has no proposal to start a 24-hours News and current affairs channel on All India Radio, either AM/FM or both.

(b) Does not arise.

**Revamping of criminal justice system**

38. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed by Government to examine whether there is a need for revamping the criminal justice system has given its report;

(b) if so, whether the committee has made specific recommendations on simplifying judicial procedures and practices and make the delivery of justice to the common man faster, uncomplicated and inexpensive;

(c) if so, the suggestions made by the committee; and

(d) by what time Government are likely to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.